

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and the following remarks are submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 3, 2009. In the Notice, the Examiner asserts that the amendment filed on August 28, 2008 (mailed August 25, 2008) was non-compliant in the amendments to the claims because each claim was not provided with the proper status identifier and, as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Applicants respectfully submit that amendments to each of claims 5 and 12 were made and that the identifier "currently amended" is and was correct.

Applicants thank Examiner White for her time and consideration by telephone on April 1, 2009 where the non-compliance of the amendment was discussed. The Examiner did not note or see the correction in claim 12 in Applicants August 2008 amendment, wherein Applicants amended "polypeptides" to "polypeptide" because the single letter deletion was not fully evident to the Examiner. Applicants have above amended claim 12 to fully replace "polypeptides" with "polypeptide".

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims herewith are compliant and request entry and acceptance of the claim amendments.

Status of the Claims

Claims 5 and 12 are pending in the application.

FEES

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the foregoing Response. However, should this be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.